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Dear Paul, Hoch

The enclosed is from the FBI's personal files on me. I have received part of them, some heavily obliterated, as this shows. FYI, the obliteration extends to such names as Odio's and Lovelady's.

The venom of the FBI exceeds my expectations. This is a minor sample and this can be close to what someone (of seven-letter name) told the LA FBI agent. Others are really vicious, as was the secret uses some of which are unhidden. To illustrate, and I'd prefer that you tell nobody because there are many records yet to be provided and I want to get what I can, I'll tell you one story.

In what was sent to LBJ and all the AGs, whenever there was an occasion that could be stretched far enough and whenever I made any FOIA request for a long period of time, I was said to have celebrated the Russian revolution with a picnic at my "residence" and with annual guests of from 25 to 35 people.

I had to think little to figure this one out. There was only one occasion on which so many people came to the farm. It was not in November but in September, right after the high Jewish holidays. It was arranged and conducted annually by a rabbi. He and his wife were friends of ours - not even liberals. The picnickers were his flock. He was in charge of the Jewish Welfare Board's care of service personnel in the various military installations in the Washington area. They, including their kids, enjoyed seeing live animals, a day in the country, the various kinds of chickens and waterfowl we had, some quite colorful, and the kids really enjoyed seeing eggs hatching baby chicks, and collecting eggs from under hens.

From what I have I can only imagine the uses made that remain withheld.

The enclosed is the second record relating to what you may remember, not to anything like this version. The other is an earlier record I've not been given and a record made from it. Except for the embellishments on what I intended doing to blame the FBI for the JFK killing this says all they let me have.

What this has to be based on is the compromise worked out with the Secret Service so I would not sue them and they would give me some record, as you know from my informing you then and from Post Mortem.

I can't think of anyone with whom I was in touch in LA during this time period. My last correspondents there stopped being correspondents after Garrison. I have not been out there since election day 1968. Unless Hal was still in touch, and I'd appfeciate your phoning and asking him, you seem to be the only person on the west coast I'd have told about the SS deal. Can you think of anyone to whom you might have mentioned this? Like Lifton? I'd not have thought that even he, in his most malicious moments, would have cooked one like this up. I know very well that if you told him anything you did not lie and did not make stories up. But I really can't think of anyone else I could have said anything to in that period.

If it is Lifton I'll not write him about it. I am more than just curious about both parties. One of my interets is my intention of using the provision of PA that permits me to request rectification of error. I have already discussed this with Jim Lesar.

If you have any suggestions, I'd like to know.

Sincerely,